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would not have to face the same disease because it was not hereditary. And it started off as a disease that impacted him but it impacted my mother, and we haven't really talked a lot about people other than the victims of these diseases, but it impacts a whole lifestyle, and little by little all of the things he enjoyed and loved were taken from him. He was a dignified man, a small businessman, who loved to socialize with friends and going out to dinner became an issue, being able to go dancing became an issue, holding cards to play bridge was an issue. But I'm going to fastforward to the end of his life. He died in September. By the end of his life, he was in a wheelchair, in diapers. He was fed at a feeding table. He couldn't communicate with his family. If I could have the decision, and we know the decision here isn't a black and white one, if I could have a decision to take tissue that is going to be disposed of anyway and help my sister or my dad, who were robbed of the life that the rest of us here have, and help their lives become better, and that of the other Nebraskans who are in the same situation and their families, I think when we weigh the issue of whether or not this tissue that is being disposed of anyway and that is needed for the research, that this research will stop without this,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...that we have to make a choice that isn't perfect, and if we're going to debate this in this bill, it's appropriate for us to let that be part of the decision of the university but also be supportive of the research until the time that this tissue is not needed for that research. I think we need to weigh the lives of the other people that aren't here and who can't speak with us today because their lives and life to them is important too.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. There is a lot of things that have been said. A couple of quick comments about the partial birth abortion question that was raised. Senator Matzke is correct, at 10 to 19 weeks is the preferred age of the fetus, aborted fetus that they use, but Carhart has said that he likes to use a partially birth abortion 15 weeks